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## Application for Patent Term Adjustment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.705(b)

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

On the Notice of Allowance mailed March 30, 2006 in the above-identified case, the patent term adjustment to date was indicated to be 268 days. Applicants believe that the USPTO made a mistake in calculating the above and the correct patent term adjustment to date is 345 days. 10636109

#### Statement of the Facts

- (i) The correct patent term adjustment under 37 C.R.R. § 1.702(a)(1) is 350 days.
- (ii) The relevant dates under 37 C.R.R. § 1.703(a)(1) are the filing date of August 7, 2003 and the mailing date of the first office action of September 22, 2005.
  - (iii) The patent is not subject to a terminal disclaimer.
- (iv)(A) Applicants filed a response to the office action of September 22, 2005 and the response was received by the USPTO on December 27, 2005. See Exhibit A submitted herewith. Therefore, there was a delay of 5 days by applicants under 37 C.R.R. § 1.704.

(iv)(B) Applicants filed a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (Supplemental IDS) listing U.S. patent 5,129,950 on February 21, 2006, which was received by the USPTO on February 27, 2006. See Exhibit B submitted herewith. Applicants note said Supplemental IDS contained a typographical error in that the "Supplemental PCT International Search Report (mailed January 18, 2006)" referred to therein should have been "a supplemental European Search Report issued on January 23, 2006 in the corresponding European patent application." In this regard, the supplemental European Search Report is attached as Exhibit C, which shows that U.S. patent 5,129,950 was cited and the issue date of the Report was January 23, 2006. Therefore, applicants filed the Supplemental IDS within 30 days of the receipt of the supplemental European Search Report. Under 37 C.R.R. § 1.704(d), the filing of the Supplemental IDS does not constitute a failure to engage in reasonable efforts to conclude processing or examination of the instant application as set forth in 37 C.R.R. § 1.704.

### **Summary**

The correct patent term adjustment to date should be 345 days (350 days minors 5 days). Applicants respectfully request adjusting the patent term adjustment as indicated on the Notice of Allowance to 345 days.

#### **Fees**

Please charge the fee in connection with this application to Deposit Account No. 17-0055. No other fees are believed to be due. However, if other fees are due, please charge the same deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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### **RESPONSE**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 22, 2005, Applicants request favorable reconsideration in view of the following amendments and accompanying remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.